



PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, August 3, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, August 3, 2017 in the Women's Club Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Chair Davey called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.

Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Ryan Wood	X			
Burchell, Bob	X			
Cayer, Joseph Sr.	X			
Davey, Sam	X			
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Nancy Korpela	X			
Brandon Tauer, ex-officio, non-voting member		X	X	
Silver, Mark	X			
	7	1	Quorum	

Also present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson

2. Approval of the July 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Silver to accept the July 12, 2017 Minutes. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

3. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Cayer to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

4. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the Agenda (three-minute limit): Bill Martell discussed the Little League Field and asked for support to plant grass on the Little League Field. He also passed out a drawing of the Little League field.
6. Items for Discussion and Consideration:
 - A. Public listening session to hear comment on the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (2016 PA 281-283) and whether or not the City of Ironwood should consider adopting an ordinance to allow any of the Marijuana Facilities identified in PA 281.: Chair Davey opened up for public comment and read the Public Listening Session Procedure. Director Bergman gave an overview of the new law.

David Shultice of 657 Lake Ave. addressed the Commission and discussed a building that he has an offer on for Marijuana use in the Industrial Park. He also discussed the benefits to the community. The Commission asked him questions about what types of jobs and what he does with banking since banks are federally supported. He also talked about licensing fees and property taxes that the City of Ironwood will see. He also discussed the basement operations will not have a market to sell to and will disappear.

Chandra Portell of 320 Aurora St. had talked about being in favor of cannabis and stated that she is trying to get marijuana to open recreationally. She then passed out a guide to the Commission discussing the pros with passing this.

Rich Duncanson 104 Cecons Rd. and other multiple addresses in the City of Ironwood. He discussed the importance of the City to get a larger tax base to help get amenities that attract families. He gave some benefits of marijuana and talked about the City of Ironwood needing to identify the correct zoning district to allow marijuana facilities.

City of Ironwood Commissioner Semo asked Mr. Duncanson's opinion on other current grow operations and what the effects would be if the law was passed. Duncanson stated that the current grow operations would most likely cease to exist. He also discussed organics vs. non-organics.

Linda Tilly 220 E. Ayer St. discussed the need for zoning it properly if passed due to bad odors and could make people move away from the area.
7. Other Business: Director Bergman asked whether the planning and zoning news packets and the Commission agreed to continue the subscription.
8. Next Meeting: September 7, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
9. Adjournment:

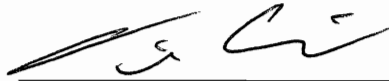
Motion by Cayer to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Silver. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

Adjournment at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Davey", written over a horizontal line.

Sam Davey, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Erickson", written over a horizontal line.

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant